(ख) रेलें, गाड़ियों के समयपालन में सुधार करने के लिए लगातार बेहतर प्रयास कर रही हैं इन प्रयासों में मंडल तथा मुख्यालयों स्तर पर समयपालन संबंधी दैनिक बैठकें आयोजित करना, समयपालन संबंधी विशेष अभियान चलाना, वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों द्वारा मौके पर जाकर जांच करना तथा अवसंरचना यथा चल स्टॉक, रेलपथ तथा सिगनल प्रणाली आदि का सुदृढ़ीकरण करना शामिल है, इन समन्वित प्रयासों के कारण यात्री गाड़ियों का समयपालन, 1993-94 के 85.2% से सुधर कर, 1994-95 में 87.6% हो गया है।

Procurement of Wagons Through Open Tender

1178. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 3 crore was saved in 1994-95 on account of procuring wagons through open tender;

(b) whether the above amount included the actual price of steel quoted by the lowest bidder, if so, the amount involved on this item;

(c) whether Railways had subsequently supplied steel to the same bidder, if so, the rate at which it was supplied; and

(d) what was the scheduled date of delivery of wagons by the supplier selected through open tender and when were the wagons actually delivered to the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This included the price of steel quoted by the firm @ Rs. 1,94,279 per BOXN and @ Rs. 2,01,758 per BCNA wagon.

(c) Yes, Sir. Steel was supplied by charging the full procurement cost to the firm for 250 wagons @ Rs. 2,26,000 per BOXN and Rs. 2,22,154 per BCNA wagon.

(d) The delivery period quoted by the tenderer was 7 month, while that fixed by the Railway in the contract was 2 months viz., 31.3.95. Within the date 150 vehicle units (375 four wheeler units) were supplied.

Harassment by Local/Daily Passengers to Reserved Compartment Passengers

1179. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers of reserved compartment in LAP Express between Bokaro and Madras are being harassed by local, daily passengers always;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the train of such a long journey has no drinking water facility; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The correct name of the train is Alleppy Express and not LAP Express. Some complaints about entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches of this train have come to notice. Regular checks are conducted and passengers detected travelling unauthorisedly are taken up under the relevant rules of the Railway's Act, 1989. As regards drinking water, adequate drinking water arrangements have been made at the stations from which the train passes and the passengers can avail of the same at the train halting stations.

Territorial Dispute Between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

1180. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the dispute regarding amalgamation of 174 Orissa villages in neighbouring State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve the dispute and to give those villages back to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Discussions between the two State Governments are continuing to resolve the issue bilaterally.

Modernisation/augmentation of transport facilities in Mumbai

1181. HRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status in regard to various proposals sent by the Government of Maharashtra for improvement / modernisation / augmentation of transport facilities in Mumbai Metropolitan city and suburban areas;

(b) what are the new projects still under consideration to remove conjestion and ease transportation in Mumbai city and suburban areas and details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received proposals for construction of over bridges on rail routes in Thane Distt. with the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(d) the project-wise details of progress reported on major ongoing projects in Mumbai (Greater) and Konkan Division and reasons for delay if any?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Presently 5 project studies under the World Bank's Project Preparation Facility are under way with respect to Bombay Urban Transport Project (BUTP-II). These are:

1. Financial and Institutional Study of Combined Suburban Rail operation.
2. Development of simulation model for Bombay Suburban Rail System.
3. Study to determine the specification of remanufacture of Multiple Units.
4. Conversion of DC to AC.
5. Techno-economic Study & Detailed Design for Major Rail Investment under BUTP-II.

The constituents of BUTP-II will be known only after the outcome of the above studies is available. Thereafter various projects would be prioritised for execution.

(c) Yes Sir,

Proposals for construction of 6 Road Overbridges have been received. The details and present position of each icase s as follows:

(i) **Construction of Road Overbridge in lieu of level crossing No. 41 at Km. 53/26-27 on Kalyan-Igatpuri Section**—Estimated cost Rs. 3.40 crores (Railway's share-1.6 crores, Kalyan Municipal Corporation's share Rs. 1.8 crores).

Work included in Railway's Works Programme in 1994-95. Work on Railway portion (bridge proper) started recently. Work on approaches yet to be started/by Kalyan Municipal Corporation.

(ii) **Badlapur Road Overbridge in lieu of level crossing No. 10-B at Km. 67/10-11-estimated cost Rs. 4.04 crores**—(Railway's share 1.90 crores, Badlapur Municipal Corporation's share Rs. 2.14 crores).

Work included in Railway's Works Programme of 1995-96. Preliminaries like preparation of General Arrangement Drawing and detailed estimate in hand.

(iii) **Construction of Road Overbridge at Ulhas Nagar in lieu of level crossing No. 3 at Km. 57/10 Kalyan-Pune Section** — Rough estimated cost Rs. 1.76 crores (Railway's share Rs. 76 lakhs,